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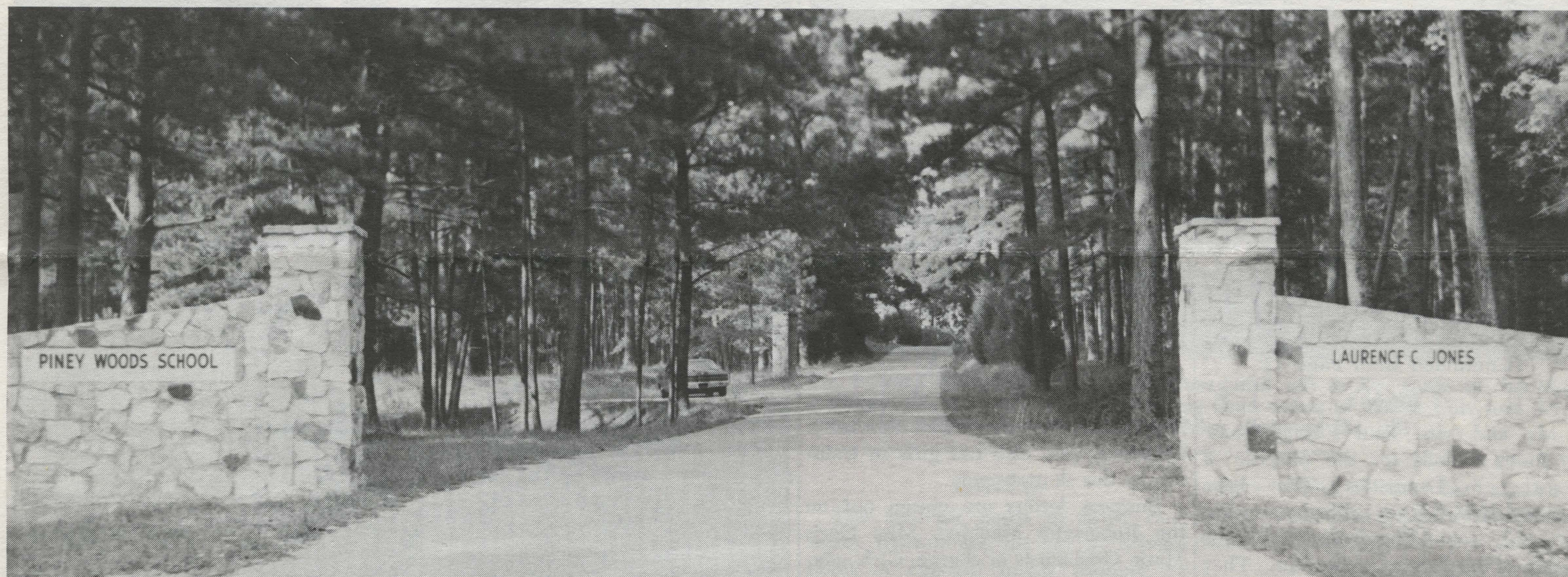
# The Pine Torch

Dedicated to SERVICE and EDUCATION of the HEAD, HAND and HEART

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## What Students Are Taught At Piney Woods School

A Day of Enriching Experiences is the Privilege of every student. ♦

As students are "leaders of tomorrow," we strive here at Piney Woods to prepare them for a good and useful life. We teach them to use the head, heart and hands. When these potential leaders graduate from Piney Woods, further their education in trade schools and colleges or engage themselves in business and succeed in their chosen fields, we know that we have had a share in making a better world.

### Home Management

At the Home Management House, a gift from Dr. Madeleine Kirkland, girls are trained, four at a time, in the technicalities of caring for a modern home and managing a family budget; also, in the art of entertaining individuals of both sexes.

### Woodworking

In our Woodworking Shop, boys learn to make useful objects; such as, cabinets, desks, bookshelves, lamps, etc.; also wood carving under a skilled wood carver—Mr. George Berry.

### Plumbing

They lay and repair pipe, install plumbing, repair fixtures—all under the supervision of Mr. Eddie Johnson and Mr. John Salter.

### Janitorial Service

A former hospital custodian, Mr. George Berry, teaches our boys up-to-date methods of cleaning rooms and buildings.

### Dry-Cleaning

There was a slogan once used, "When clothes are dirty, ring seven-thirty." We say at Piney Woods, "When dry-cleaning is your need, the boys will do that deed." At the Dry-

Cleaning and Pressing shop, the boys learn how to clean and press garments as well as to care for business transactions. Some of our graduates operate their own Dry-Cleaning Shops in their home towns. Mrs. Johnnie Wells supervises this industry.

### Dental Assistants

For several years, Dr. and Mrs. Robert O. Cole have been coming to Piney Woods to give their services. Dr. Cole is a dentist and Mrs. Cole, an able assistant. In addition to caring for the teeth of all our students and teachers who need dental work, the Coles have trained several girls who could become dental assistants or even aspire to learn dentistry as a profession.

### Upholstery

No furniture is a life-time article in a home; therefore, it is good to know how to upholster chairs, couches, etc. Under the supervision of Mr. William Sullivan, boys learn this type of work and thereby will be able to save on furniture in their homes or may take up the industry as their life work. It is, indeed, a paying one.

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Dr. Preston Bradley of Chicago, Commencement Speaker many times.



Mrs. Katherine Speed and her son Joe, in the library at Piney Woods following the dedication of the bronze bust she sculptured of Dr. Jones.



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### WHAT STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT

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#### Plays

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fosness came to Piney Woods for the purpose of assisting in Dramatics. They have succeeded in having a Playhouse constructed, rebuilding completely the inside of our former auditorium. They teach Dramatics to all of their students and, on many occasions, present plays done by the students under their supervision; such plays as Romeo and Juliet, Taming of the Shrew, Tea-house of the August Moon.

#### Speech

Our students have unusual opportunities not only to participate in plays but also to develop the fine art of public speaking. Every student from seventh grade through twelfth must give a chapel talk in the auditorium every year he is here. Usually, these speeches are composed by the students themselves; then, memorized and delivered. Students receive grades in Speech as a necessary part of English. Each English teacher is responsible for the speeches of his, or her, students. Dr. Zilpha Ellen E. Chandler, Director of the Academic Department, heads this work.

#### Student Teachers

Students are trained as TEACHERS' AIDES under the highest qualified teachers who volunteer their services. These teachers come to us just retired and, many times, not even retired. They remain with us, frequently, ten, fifteen or thirty years as age is not a prerequisite for work at Piney Woods and our teachers quit only when they feel they should. They bring with them up-to-date knowledge of the most successful methods of teaching and the most useful equipment.

#### Recreation

Under the direction of our Coach, Mr. Eddie Johnson, the boys play ball. We have a team for larger boys and one for little boys. This gives the little boys a desire to make the larger team, as well as to be good sports

and to learn lessons of fair play, honesty and co-operation.

#### Office Work

Letters needing special attention are gotten out by Mrs. Bertha J. Dishman, who also has girls in training in this department.

Business letters are gotten out on the Robertype Machine. Miss Doris Marie Grisham is in charge. Girls who learn to operate this machine, as well as others in the offices, are prepared for work in business offices, stores, and any business enterprise.

#### Mailing Department

In the Mailing Department, under the supervision of Mrs. Sallie Johnson George, of our Business Office, where letters, cards, circulars and the school paper are prepared for mailing, girls learn to use the typing machine, stamping machine, and copying machine. Students learn to process, bag and label sacks of mail directing them to proper sectional centers. If a girl should desire a job in a Post Office, such training would be an asset to her. Our paper, The Pine Torch, goes all over the country and even to foreign countries.

#### Sunday School

Under the supervision of Mr. Claude Phifer, students participate in many ways to the success of Church School. They do secretarial work, teach classes, play the piano or organ, direct the singing, give special numbers such as solos, quartet, or what-not, — all of which add much to the success of our Sunday teaching.

#### Bookkeeping

Across the years this subject has been taught by Mrs. Ethel Hooker. The field is wide open for bookkeepers and good ones are not easily found. Our students are blessed with an opportunity to learn Bookkeeping here in Piney Woods. As they learn, they assist with work, thereby carrying out our slogan, "We Learn by Doing."

#### Room Service

Our Dean of Women, Mrs. Eula Kelly Moman, trains girls to prepare living quarters for guests and to get things in order when they leave.



Wyman Presley and Laurence C. Jones. Mr. Presley is director of Presley Tours, Makanda, Illinois. Piney Woods School is a highlight for all of his groups traveling in the South.

#### Receptionists And Guides

Girls learn to be guides and have the responsibility of conducting visitors to all major points of interest on the Piney Woods campus.

They also gain experience as Receptionists in the Administration Building. Guides and Receptionists are well-qualified to become guides for sight-seeing groups or receptionists in banks and offices. One of our girls had an opportunity to be a receptionist in a bank up North where she could use the experience gained in being a guide at Piney Woods School.

#### Food Preparation

In addition to the usual courses in Nutrition and Sewing, girls at Piney Woods gain much practical ex-

perience in making salads, preparing desserts, cooking meats, making sandwiches, etc., to serve in the dining-rooms to make the meals more appetizing, to serve as snacks to delight the palate at picnics, parties, etc.

#### Food Service

Also, at the Community House, girls learn the art of planning, cooking and serving meals for the faculty and guests. The girls are supervised by Mrs. Eula Moman and Mrs. Francis Smiley.

Girls assist also in preparing food and serving students and teachers in the School Dining Hall where meals are served in family style, directed by Mrs. Alda Bowie.

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#### Use this when writing a letter is a real task.

I enclose a gift to The Piney Woods Country Life School in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for educational purposes — benefiting boys and girls, who are learning to use the head, heart and hands.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Piney Woods School, Piney Woods, Miss. 39148. All contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.



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**Vocal Music**

It is said that "Music has charms to soothe the savage beast, to soften rocks and bend the knotted oak." Music, predominantly in the form of Negro Spirituals, has been one of the traditions of Piney Woods School, and was one of the means of obtaining funds and gaining new friends for the school in the early days. We sent out quartets in practically every part of the country. Now, every week, Mr. Claude Phifer makes TAPES of the choir for broadcasting. These tapes are heard over 14 stations in Mississippi and in a few stations in other states. A schedule of these broadcasts appears at bottom of page.

Three nights a week are devoted to Choir Rehearsals, directed by Mr. Don London. The Choir renders selections at Church Services, gives programs for various occasions during the school session, sometimes sings for State and National organizations that meet on the Coast and often-times is asked to sing at local churches.

**Instrumental Music**

Piney Woods has always had a band from its early days. Our concert band of fifty students is under the direction of Mr. Frank "Fran" Wine-Gar, who composes most of his music. The band entertains the school with 4 special concerts each year and plays for other occasions.

**Entertaining**

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smiley, young men and young ladies are often entertained so that students who do not have the benefit of training in Home Management may learn how to act when entertained. They have a good time and are taught at the same time.

**Piano**

Piano has been taught to the students by Mrs. Bertha J. Dishman for many, many years. Mrs. Carl Moe

has been happy in teaching groups piano.

**Painting**

Boys learn to beautify and preserve cottages and buildings through painting; therefore, exterior and interior painting are taught. A painting skill is always in demand. Mr. Max Garriot is in charge of this department.

**Audio-Visual Aids**

Boys learn many types of Audio-Visual Aids and are often called upon to show to visitors, especially those who come in bus loads, the Ralph Edwards This Is Your Life film, featuring Dr. Laurence C. Jones, the Little Professor of Piney Woods. The boys operate many types of projectors for teachers in the classroom, show motion pictures in the Auditorium on alternate Saturday nights, assist in making tapes for broadcasting Piney Woods music, etc. In many instances, this superior training has helped our graduates to make their ways through college and procure good jobs when they have finished.

**Store Keeping**

Piney Woods School is a self-contained village. Therefore, we have a school store in which students may serve as assistants and thus learn the art of buying and selling, making change, being courteous and honest, how to display goods, how to take inventory, the importance of neatness and cleanliness, etc.

**Printing**

We have a Printing Office where boys learn to print cards, stationery, circular letters, programs, envelopes, and, sometimes, even the school paper, The Pine Torch. Such a vocation can be very worthwhile as such work is in demand in every community, town or city. Sometimes, work of this type, like Dry-Cleaning, inspires a boy to open his own shop. We miss our Mr. Shedd who grew up in our print shop. We are looking for a dedicated or retired printer to teach our boys.



Mr. Seward Schooler's unique and thoughtful gift to Dr. Jones on his 90th birthday was an airplane on a landing field made of dollar bills and Kennedy half dollars. Mrs. Valetta LeFebure designed the gift.

**Driving**

The students learn to drive cars, buses, tractors and the like by driving them as needed, under training by Mr. John Haien.

**Chef Cooking**

In our Chef School, operated by a retired baker and cook, Mr. Elbert Bowie, assisted by a lady, Mrs. Elbert Roberts, on the campus, whose hobby is cooking, boys learn to make pastries and many other foods in demand in hotels and cafeterias, as well as professional ethics in the field of food service. One of our first students in this field obtained a job on the Great Lakes Myron Thomas of the Pittsburg Steamship Company (subsidiary of the U. S. Steel Company) with headquarters in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. This student, David Ross, has had the privilege of cooking and serving on the boat for some of our country's great Industrialists and Statesmen. He has trained other Piney Woods students who have served with him on these boats; also, in Colleges and Universities and else-

where. Some of those he trained are able to take charge of the kitchens on other company boats.

**Beef Cattle**

Boys are taught to feed and care for beef cattle; to raise food for them and fill silos under supervision of Mr. Carvin Hooker.

**Gardening**

We raise most of our vegetables. What we do not eat as fast as it matures, we store in deep freezers.

**Carpentry**

Boys learn Carpentry and Cabinet skill by assisting our instructor, Mr. Jack Watermolen, in building, maintenance and upkeep of some forty-five school buildings, houses, barns shops.

**Horticulture**

The students learn landscaping, planting, care of shrubs, flowers and lawns, etc., as they beautify and care for our campus under the supervision of Mr. James Dent and Mrs. Francis Smiley.

### THE PINEY WOODS SINGERS RADIO SCHEDULE

WNOI-FM — Flora, Illinois — Sundays 9:00 A.M.  
 WJDX — Jackson, Mississippi — Saturdays 5:05 A.M.  
 WSLI — Jackson, Mississippi — Sundays 7:00 A.M.  
 WNSL — Laurel, Mississippi — Sundays 10:00 A.M.  
 WCLD — Cleveland, Mississippi — Sundays 10:45 A.M.  
 WHNY — McComb, Mississippi — Sundays — 6:00 P.M.  
 WTAM-FM — Gulfport, Mississippi — Sundays 9:05 A.M.  
 WSJC-FM — Magee, Mississippi — Tuesdays 9:00 A.M.  
 WTYN — Tryon, N. C. — Sundays 9:30 A.M.  
 WFWL — Camden, Tennessee — Sundays 10:05 A.M.  
 WCPC-FM — Houston, Mississippi — Sundays  
 WKXI-FM — Jackson, Mississippi — Sundays 8:45 A.M.  
 WORV — Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
 WAWA — Milwaukee, Wisconsin — Wednesdays 11:00 A.M.  
 KKAS — Silsbee, Texas — Sundays

Check your local stations for possible schedule changes.  
 These tapes are under the direction of Prof. Claude Phifer.

**BEQUEST**

Our friends are requested to give the school some aid in the way of testamentary bequests. Its corporate name is The Piney Woods Country Life School, and Piney Woods, Mississippi, should be added in specification of the place.

**FORM OF BEQUEST**

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Piney Woods Country Life School" of Piney Woods, State of Mississippi, the sum of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Testator

If a house or farm or any specific property such as stocks, shares or bonds, etc. is given, a short description of the same should be inserted instead of the words "the sum of

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars."



## NIGHT LIFE IN PINEY WOODS SCHOOL

You have often heard of NIGHT LIFE in cities — dancing, taverns, drinking, smoking and using various kinds of narcotics and dope, cafes, and stage shows of all types, etc.

Contrary to the above, NIGHT-LIFE AT PINEY WOODS IS CONSTRUCTIVE AND WHOLESOME. WHEN WE TAKE YOU AROUND AT NIGHT, THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT YOU WILL SEE:

Boys and girls taking advantage of study in our comfortable library.

Dedicated teachers tutoring special students who need it. This is done either in classrooms or in the conference room of the library. Most of the tutoring is in Reading or Mathematics.

Mexicans learning English, practicing conversation under the direction of a language teacher.

Play practice in the Playhouse.

Supervised study in the Administration Building. A large group, under the supervision of Miss Mattie Lee, are doing their home work or getting lessons for the next day.

Classes for little folk in Piano.

Choir Rehearsal.

Tape Recording.

Woodworking in the Trades Building.

Speech Practice.

Audio-Visual Class.

NO DOUBT, MANY OF THE PARENTS WHO WANT THEIR CHILDREN IN PINEY WOODS ARE INFLUENCED IN THEIR DECISION BY THE NIGHT LIFE ON OUR CAMPUS, SO DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN MANY TOWNS AND CITIES. NIGHT LIFE IN PINEY WOODS IS CONSTRUCTIVE, NOT DESTRUCTIVE.



A Busy Commencement Day

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December 11, 1972

Dr. Laurence C. Jones, President  
Piney Woods Country Life School  
Piney Woods, Mississippi 39148

Dear Dr. Jones:

This letter is to express my sincere appreciation to you for arranging my visit to Piney Woods Country Life School over the past weekend.

I am also very much appreciative of the warm and genuine hospitality show by Mr. George Hall, Mrs. Eula Moman, Dr. Zilpha Chandler, Mrs. Bertha Dishman and other staff members during my visit to your school. From my observations at Piney Woods Country Life School I would say that education is being perfected at its best for the welfare of the students who will be our future citizens in the years that lie ahead. I noted an atmosphere of genuine sincerity and cordiality on the part of the administrators, faculty, other staff and students during my visit.

I have had the pleasure over the past eight years to visit school systems throughout the nation and I find that none is as unique in its philosophy and operation as the Piney Woods Country Life School. This is due to the many years of skillful planning and execution of educational work that will benefit the individual students under your jurisdiction.

Congratulations on observing your recent birthday and here is wishing you many more happy days ahead. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES S. WADE

Assistant Superintendent  
Teacher Personnel

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## A Tribute to Dr. Jones

Annie Ware Fulton

Frequently, our graduates return to Piney Woods and, whether prepared or not, speak at our Vespers Service to give greetings and words of encouragement to our students. Here is a speech given at Vespers on November 12, by a graduate, Annie Ware, now Mrs. Fulton. She has a son and a niece in Piney Woods.

"Be ashamed to die before you contribute one worthwhile thing to humanity." Ninety years ago, a child was born in the state of Missouri. This child grew up to be a man with a vision — a vision to contribute to "humanity." This man was our own Dr. Laurence C. Jones.

Dr. Jones completed his education at the State University of Iowa, and came south to fulfill a dream and turn a vision into a working reality. Dr. Jones chose to contribute to humanity by helping underprivileged black boys and girls get an education and become self-sufficient, productive citizens.

Piney Woods School is the result of that vision, a school that was far ahead of the times, a school that teaches the individual to use the head, the heart and the hands. Dr. Jones' dream has been fulfilled, and I should know. I am one of those underprivileged persons who, had it not been for Dr. Jones' vision, shudders to think of what the outcome might have been. I'm only a teacher of high school biology but this is my way of contributing to humanity; and I owe it all to the wisdom of my mother and the vision of Dr. Jones.

I know that we cannot all be leaders like Dr. Jones. But we must be good followers, we must be patient and prepared.

Isaiah 40:31 states, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

You may ask, "Why should I wait, with the world in such a chaotic condition through no fault of mine—" Well, I can tell you. Wait to get an education, wait to get an understanding and directions.

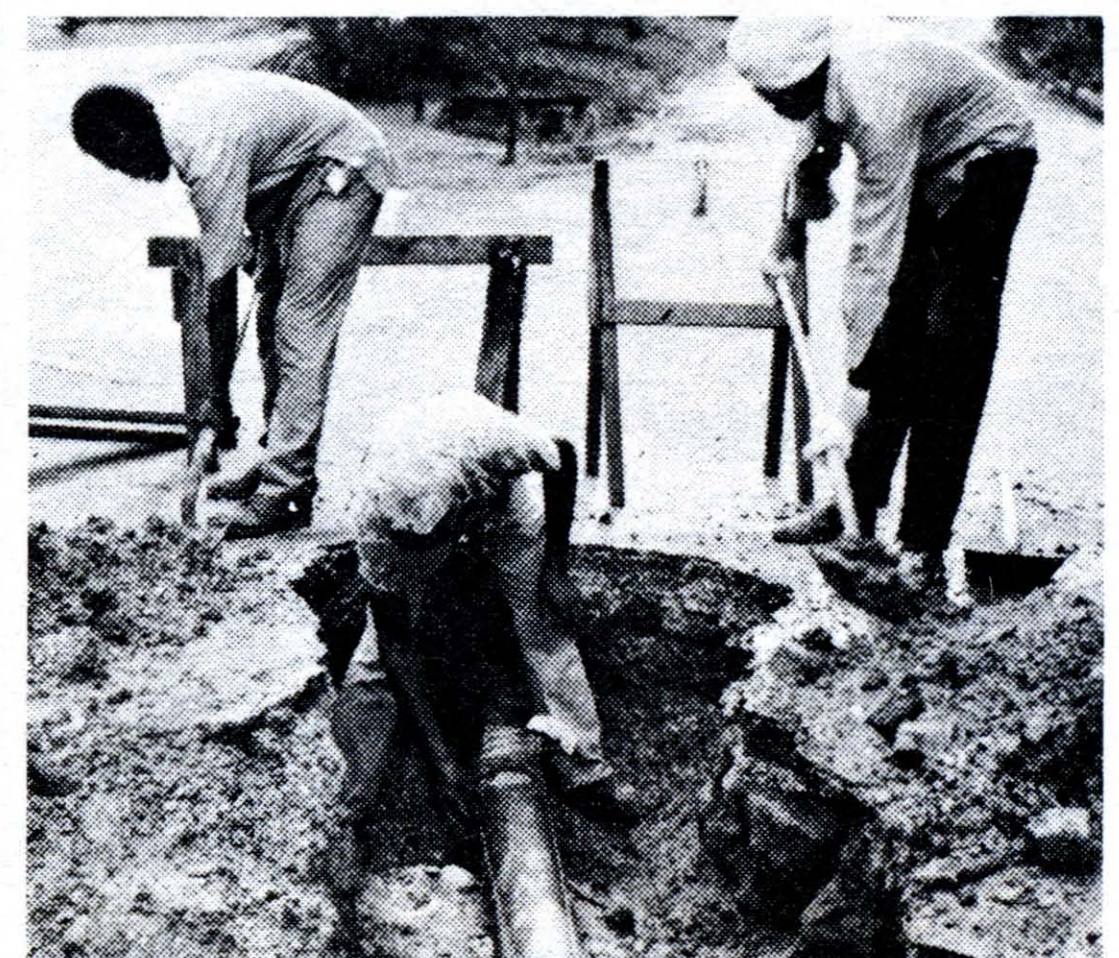
Find out what needs to be done. Then go forward and make changes. I agree that changes are needed but these changes won't come overnight —and unless you have positive contributions to make, the changes won't be made at all. So go get yourselves prepared. Get an education and start making your contributions to humanity. Be productive.

How about it? How will you as students vie? Will you take advan-

tage of what you have here and make worthwhile contributions or will you sit idly by and say — let someone else do the job? Will you run before you are ready so that you will tire easily or will you, in the words of Dr. Jones' favorite quotation, "Plant patience in the garden of thy souls" and prepare yourselves before you run?

Students, I urge you to remember that the task ahead of you is not an impossible one. Positive and worthwhile contributions can be made by you if you prepare yourselves. Get an education, become emotionally mature, plant patience in the gardens of your souls and go make your contributions.

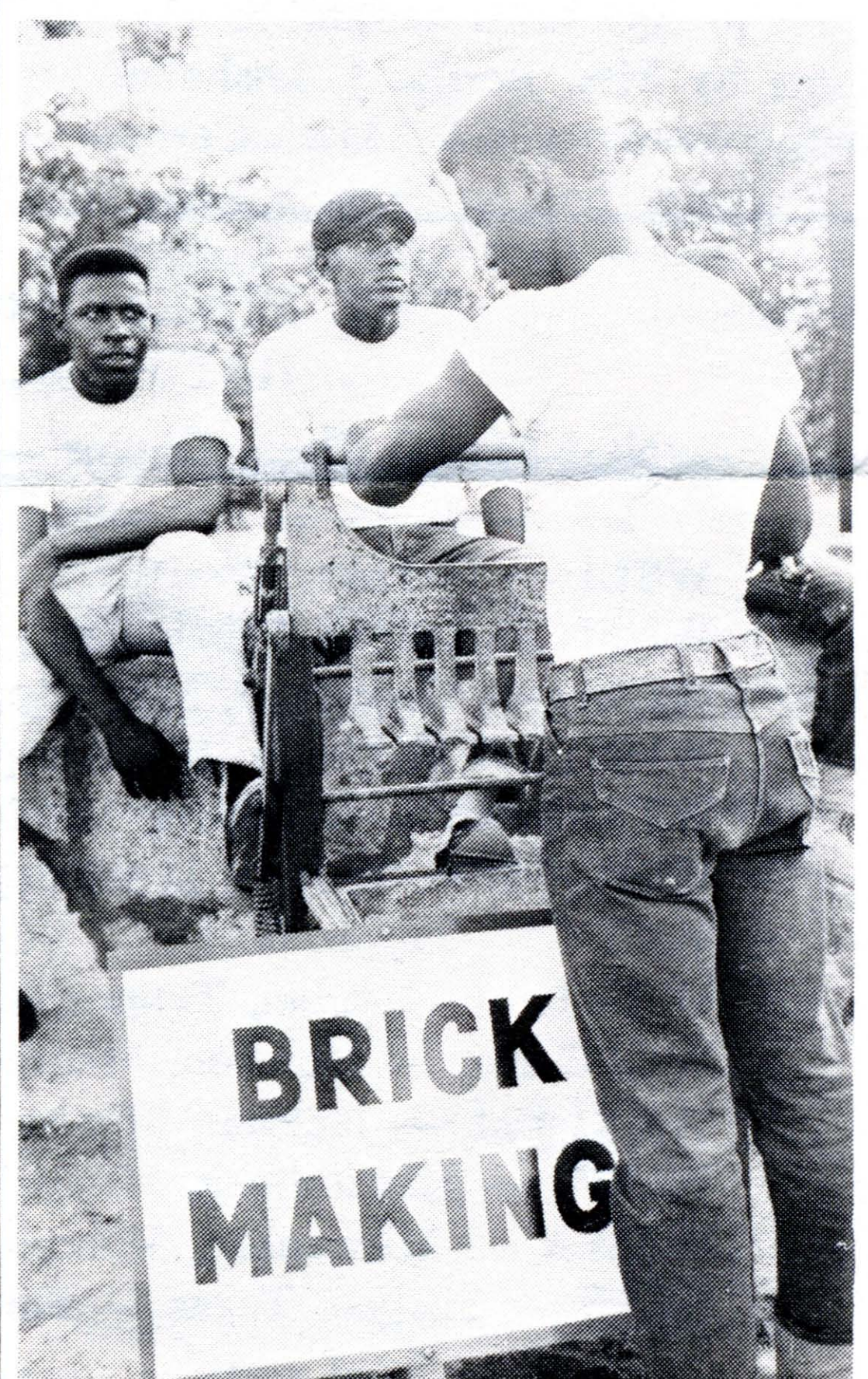
I Believe in you. Do you Believe in You?



Our boys repairing broken water main



In the Hay Field



Brick Making